

Abstract of the Disclosure

Process and apparatus for the continuous purification and concentration of leukocytes from blood, characterized in that said process comprises the following steps: (a) separating plasma from the blood by filtration in order to achieve a filtered buffy coat fraction; (b) adding an aqueous solution, which is hypotonic in relation to plasma, to the buffy coat fraction from step (a), in order to achieve lysis of erythrocytes contained in the buffy coat fraction; (c) mixing the buffy coat fraction and the aqueous hypotonic solution from step (b) in a mixing device; (d) leading the mixture from step (c) through a retention vessel; (e) leading the mixture from step (d) through a centrifuge in order to separate the leukocytes; (f) collecting the separated leukocytes from step (e).

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